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1. The city of Orsova, Rumania, is separated from the harbor by a wooden fence which extends along the Strada Gheorghiu Dej, formerly Strada Dunarea, for the length of the authorized mooring area. There is only one gate in the fence, located approximately at the intersection of Strada Dr. Schwartz and Strada Gheorghiu Dej. This gate is manned 24 hours a day by three to five guards, representing Customs, Border Guards and State Police.
2. Liberty in town is granted seamen for short periods, usually two to four hours. After a body search by customs officers, the visitor must exchange his seaman's identification card for a shore leave permit at the State Police station, located next to the gate. On return from leave in the city, the visitor exchanges his pass for his seaman's card and is again subjected to body search at the gate by customs personnel.

Comment: The pattern of controls at Orsova has been in force for several years. Apparently no changes were introduced as a result of non-Soviet Austrian ships sailing to Rumanian harbors recently. During October 1954, Austrian DDSG sailors received liberty in Orsova on the same basis as Soviet DDSG seamen.

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